(per kg.)

	BPL	APL	Earlier Price
Rice			
Common	3.50	—	5.37
Fine	3.50	6.50	6.17
Super fine	—	7.50	6.48
Wheat	2.50	4.50	4.02

(c) A statement on the TPDS has been made in Rajya Sabha on 24th February 1997 and copies of the detailed guidelines issued in this regard have also been laid on the Table of the House. Based on these guidelines, State Governments/UT Administrations have been asked to identify the beneficiaries below poverty line, issue Special Ration Cards to them and make all arrangements for delivery of foodgrains to the beneficiaries in a satisfactory and transparent manner. As soon as a State Government/UT Administration completes this exercise, it can start deriving the benefits under the TPDS Scheme. Those schemes will, however, become effective throughout the country from 1st June, 1997.

Districts without Consumer Forum

1482. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are districts in the country where there are no consumer forum as provided under Consumer Protection Act;

(b) if so, the names of such districts, State-wise as on 15th February, 1997 and the reasons for not setting up the consumer forum; and

(c) the time by when such forums will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (c) In 513 districts in the country, 510 district Fora are functioning at present. However, Panchkula in Haryana, Rajaji, Trivellore MGR, Karur Dheeran Chinnamalai, Perambalur Tiruvalluvar, Tiruvarur ATP, Vaigai Alagumuthu Kane in Tamilnadu and Dhalai in Tripura are newly formed Districts where District Fora have not been set up as yet. According to the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, the responsibility for setting up of District Forum rests with the respective State Governments/U.T. Administrations.

विभिन्न राज्यों में वितरित गेंहू की मात्रा

1483. **श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन:** क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले एक वर्ष के दौरान, सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए विभिन्न राज्यों को कितना गेहूं किन मूल्यों पर वितरित किया गया; और

(ख) क्या सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली से भारत सरकार पर अतिरिक्त वित्तीय बोझ पड़ा है?

खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के तहत राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को गेहूं 402 रुपए प्रति क्विंटल के केन्द्रीय मूल्य पर दिया जाता है। जनवरी 1996 से जनवरी 1997 तक गेहूं का राज्यवार वितरण संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है। **(नीचे देखिए)**।

(ख) जी, हां। सरकार को सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के तहत खाद्यान्न के प्रापण और वितरण के लिए भारतीय खाद्य निगम को राजसहायता देनी पड़ती है।

विवरण

जनवरी 1996 से जनवरी 1997 के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों द्वारा गेहूं का उठान दर्शाने वाला विवरण

राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र	कुल उठान (हजार मी० टन में)
आन्ध्र प्रदेश	130.00
अरुणाचल प्रदेश	6.00
असम	359.80

बिहार	445.70
गोवा	33.24
गुजरात	653.60
हरियाणा	129.90
हिमाचल प्रदेश	117.90
जम्मू व कश्मीर	150.70
कर्नाटक	293.10
केरल	608.90
मध्य प्रदेश	399.70
महाराष्ट्र	886.00
मणिपुर	31.10
मेघालय	31.30
मिजोरम	24.70
नागालैंड	11.10
उड़ीसा	413.50
पंजाब	46.44
राजस्थान	1068.60
सिक्किम	13.40
तमिलनाडु	232.90
त्रिपुरा	15.80
उत्तर प्रदेश	783.80
पश्चिम बंगाल	966.80
अंडमान व निकोबार	0.00
चंडीगढ़	5.60
दादरा व नगर हवेली	1.20
दमण व दीव	0.20
राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली	500.00
लक्षद्वीप	0.20
पांडिचेरी	0.00
कुल	8366.48

Improper Functioning of Consumer Fora in Maharashtra

1484. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of District Fora constituted under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 presently functioning in Maharashtra and the districts which do not have their own consumer forum as on date;

(b) whether many district fora are without chairperson;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that many of the district fora are not working properly and not meeting regularly; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) All the 31 districts of Maharashtra have their own District Forum, in addition three additional district fora have been constituted in Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur district each.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Except an additional District Forum in Mumbai all other District Fora are now working in the State of Maharashtra. The Government has provided financial assistance for strengthening the infrastructure facilities at the Consumer Fora.

Supply of Sugar on the Occasion of Idu'l Fitir and Basant Panchami

1485. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that essential commodities like sugar were not distributed under PDS in many parts of the country during Idu'l Fitr and Basant Panchami;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the supply of sugar on the occasion of Idu'l Fitr and Basant Panchami, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND